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REPLY OF THE ATTORNEY GENERAL TO BELLSOUTH TELECOMMUNICATIONS, INC.'S PETITION FOR APPEAL

Comes Paul G. Summers, the Attorney General & Reporter, through the Consumer Advocate and Protection Division of the Office of Attorney General, and files this reply in the public interest objecting to the relief sought by BellSouth Telecommunications, Inc. (BellSouth) in its petition for appeal filed 1/16/01.

The Attorney General objects to the relief sought by BellSouth. BellSouth's request lacks support in the record in this matter, which includes substantial testimony and legal briefs.

Respectfully submitted,

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